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thicknesses not exceeding three-eights of an inch.

- (7) Ceilings, linings, and insulation, including pipe and duct laggings, shall be approved incombustible materials.
- (8) Any sheathing, furring, or holding pieces incidental to the securing of any bulkhead, ceiling, lining, or insulation shall be of approved incombustible materials.
- (9) Bulkheads, linings, and ceiling may have a combustible veneer within a room not to exceed two twenty-eighths of an inch in thickness. However, combustible veneers, trim, decorations, etc., shall not be used in corridors or hidden spaces. This is not intended to preclude the use of an approved interior finish or a reasonable number of coats of paint.
- (e) Nitrocellulose or other highly flammable or noxious fume-producing paints or lacquers shall not be used.
- (f) The provisions of paragraphs (d) (1) through (9) of this section apply to control spaces on vessels whose initial Application for Inspection is submitted to an Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection on or after June 15, 1987.

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§ 190.07-90 Vessels contracted for prior to March 1, 1968.

- (a) Existing structure arrangements and materials previously approved will be considered satisfactory so long as they are maintained in good condition to the satisfaction of the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection. Minor repairs and alterations may be made to the same standards as the original construction.
- (b) Conversions, major alterations, new installations, and replacements shall comply with the applicable specifications and requirements in this subpart for new vessels.

Subpart 190.10—Means of Escape

§190.10-1 Application.

(a) The provisions of this subpart, with the exception of §190.10-90, shall apply to all vessels other than non-self-propelled vessels of less than 300 gross tons, contracted for on or after March 1, 1968.

- (b) Vessels contracted for prior to March 1, 1968, shall meet the requirements of §190.10-90.
- (c) Non-self-propelled vessels of less than 300 gross tons shall not be subject to the provisions of this subpart.

§190.10-5 Two means required.

(a) There shall be at least two means of escape from all general areas where the crew or scientific personnel may be quartered or normally employed. At least one of these two means of escape shall be independent of watertight doors and hatches, except for quick acting watertight doors giving final access to weather decks.

§190.10-10 Location.

(a) The two means of escape shall be as remote as practicable so as to minimize the possibility of one incident blocking both escapes.

§ 190.10-15 Vertical ladders not accepted.

(a) Vertical ladders and deck scuttles shall not in general be considered satisfactory as one of the required means of escape. However, where it is demonstrated that the installation of a stairway would be impracticable, a vertical ladder may be used as the second means of escape.

§ 190.10-20 No means for locking doors.

(a) No means shall be provided for locking door giving access to either of the two required means of escape except that crash doors or locking devices, capable of being easily forced in an emergency, may be employed provided a permanent and conspicuous notice to this effect is attached to both sides of the door. This paragraph shall not apply to outside doors to deckhouses where such doors are locked by key only and such key is under the control of one of the vessel's officers.

§190.10-25 Stairway size.

- (a) Stairways shall be of sufficient width having in mind the number of persons having access to such stairs for escape purposes.
- (b) All interior stairways, other than those within the machinery spaces, shall have minimum width of 28 inches.

The angle of inclination with the horizontal of such stairways shall not exceed 50° .

(c) Special consideration for relief may be given if it is shown to be unreasonable or impracticable to meet the requirements in this section.

§190.10-30 Dead end corridors.

(a) Dead end corridors, or the equivalent, more than 40 feet in length shall not be permitted.

§190.10-35 Public spaces.

(a) In all cases, public spaces having a deck area of over 300 square feet shall have at least two exits. Where practicable, these exits shall give egress to different corridors, rooms, or spaces to minimize the possibility of one incident blocking both exits.

§190.10-40 Access to lifeboats.

(a) The stairways, corridors, and doors shall be so arranged as to permit a ready and direct access to the various lifeboat and liferaft embarkation areas.

§190.10-45 Weather deck communications.

(a) Vertical communication shall be provided between the various weather decks by means of permanent inclined ladders.

§ 190.10-90 Vessels contracted for prior to March 1, 1968.

(a) Existing arrangements previously approved will be considered satisfactory so long as they are maintained in good condition to the satisfaction of the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection. Minor repairs and alterations may be made to the same standards as the original design: Provided, That in no case will a greater departure from the standards of §§ 190.10-5 through 190.10-45 be permitted than presently exists. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as exempting any vessel from having two means of escape from all main compartments where persons on board may be quartered or normally employed.

Subpart 190.15—Ventilation

§190.15-1 Application.

- (a) The provisions of this subpart, with the exception of §190.15-90, shall apply to all vessels other than non-self-propelled vessels of less than 300 gross tons, contracted for on or after March 1, 1968.
- (b) Vessels contracted for prior to March 1, 1968, shall meet the requirements of §190.15-90.
- (c) Non-self-propelled vessels of less than 300 gross tons shall not be subject to the provisions of this subpart.

§190.15-5 Vessels using fuel having a flashpoint of 110 °F. or lower.

- (a) Spaces containing machinery which uses, or tanks which contain, fuel having a flashpoint of 110° F. or lower shall have natural supply and mechanical exhaust ventilation as required by this section.
- (b) The mechanical exhaust system shall be such as to assure the air changes as noted in Table 190.15-5(b) depending on the size of the space.

TABLE 190.15-5(B)

Size of space, cubic feet		Minute per air change
Over	Not over	air change
	500	2
500	1000	3
1000	1500	4
1500		5

- (c) Exhaust blower motors, unless of a totally enclosed, explosion-proof type, shall be located outside of the ducts and outside of the compartment required to be ventilated. Exhaust blower motors if mounted in any compartment shall be located as high above the bilge as practicable. Blower blades shall be nonsparking with reference to their housings.
- (d) Exhaust blower switches shall be located outside of any space required to be ventilated by this section, and shall be of the type interlocked with the ignition switch so that the blowers are started before the engine ignition is switched on. A red warning sign at the switch shall state that the blowers shall be operated prior to starting the engines for a sufficient time to insure